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**ELECTRICAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**  
Ottawa Building, Upper Level, Conference Room #2  
611 West Ottawa Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

**APPROVED 08/10/2017**

**MINUTES**  
**May 11, 2017**  
9:30 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Thomas Erdman, Chairperson  
Mr. Joseph Gillespie  
Mr. Corey Hannahs  
Mr. Ernest Harju  
Mr. Alan Kuipers  
Mr. Paul Lemley  
Mr. David Vallier  
Mr. Scott Weaver  
Mr. Brian Williams

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Vacant, Insurance Inspection Bureau Representative

**DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

Mr. Keith Lambert, Director, BCC  
Ms. LeeAnn Allaire, Manager, Administrative Services Division, BCC  
Mr. Dean Austin, Chief, Electrical Division, BCC  
Ms. Tracie Pack, Department Analyst, Administrative Services Division, BCC  
Ms. Dawn Smith, Department Analyst, Licensing and Complaints Division, BCC  
Ms. Sara Leiby, Secretary, Administrative Services Division, BCC

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Chairperson Erdman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present at that time.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Hannahs and **SECONDED** by Board Member Gillespie to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Harju and **SECONDED** by Board Member Hannahs to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **4. APPLICANTS APPEALING DENIALS**

##### **A. Gerlian Jashari – Journeyman Electrician Examination**

Mr. Gerlian Jashari appeared before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Journeyman Electrician Examination. Mr. Jashari provided documentation for Board review to demonstrate equivalent experience to the requirements of MCLs 338.883a and 338.883d.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Hannahs and **SECONDED** by Board Member Lemley to allow Mr. Jashari to take the Journeyman Electrician Examination based on the experience gained since the date of the original application. **MOTION CARRIED.**

##### **B. Michael D. Whitson – Master Electrician Examination**

Mr. Michael D. Whitson appeared before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Master Electrician Examination. Mr. Whitson provided documentation for Board review to demonstrate equivalent experience to the requirements of MCLs 338.883a and 338.883c.

Following discussion, the Board determined that Mr. Whitson's documented experience does not demonstrate equivalent experience to the requirements.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Weaver and **SECONDED** by Board Member Harju to deny Mr. Whitson's appeal to sit for the master electrician examination. **MOTION CARRIED.**

##### **C. Chad A. French – Master Electrician Examination**

Mr. Chad A. French's appeal of denial of Application for Master Electrician Examination was presented to the Board for review to determine if his experience is equivalent to the requirements of MCLs 338.883a and 338.883c. Mr. French was not present for the review.

Following discussion, the Board determined that Mr. French's documented experience does not demonstrate equivalent experience to the requirements.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Lemley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Hannahs to deny Mr. French's appeal to sit for the master electrician examination. **MOTION CARRIED.**

##### **D. Shad D. Sprague – Sign Specialist Examination**

Mr. Shad D. Sprague appeared before the Board to appeal denial of his Application for Sign Specialist Examination. Mr. Sprague provided explanation on why he was unable to provide documentation for Board review to demonstrate he meets the experience requirements of MCLs 338.883a and 338.883k.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Harju and **SECONDED** by Board Member Hannahs to allow Mr. Sprague to take the Sign Specialist Examination upon providing alternate proof of experience requirements through paystubs or payroll reports. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**E. Ernest S. Fargo – Journeyman Electrician License Renewal**

Mr. Ernest S. Fargo's appeal of denial of Application for Journeyman Electrician License Renewal was presented to the Board for review per Electrical Administrative Board General Rule R 338.1022a (d). Mr. Fargo was not present for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Lemley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Vallier to allow renewal of Mr. Fargo's Journeyman Electrician License based on the timing of the holidays during the time of mailing and upon providing verification of completion of required code updates. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. ELECTRICAL APPRENTICE PROGRAMS**

**A. Morton Salt Electrical Maintenance Apprenticeship Program**

Morton Salt's request for approval of an Electrical Maintenance Apprenticeship Training Program was presented to the Board for review per MCL 338.883e.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Lemley and **SECONDED** by Board Member Hannahs to deny Morton Salt's Electrical Maintenance Apprenticeship Training Program due to insufficient data to demonstrate program requirements are equivalent to those imposed by the Office of Apprenticeship in the United States Department of Labor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. Herman Miller Apprenticeship Program**

Herman Miller's request for approval of a Machine Repair Electrician Apprenticeship Training Program was presented to the Board for review per MCL 338.883e.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Hannahs and **SECONDED** by Board Member Lemley to approve Herman Miller's Machine Repair Electrician Apprenticeship Training Program which is approved by the Office of Apprenticeship in the United States Department of Labor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Definition of Minor Repair**

Board Member Weaver notified the Board the drafted definition of Minor Repair previously provided by the ad hoc committee has not been revised due to scheduling conflicts.

**B. E-15-0506 Dennis Geisenhaver, Thee Electric Co.**

Fee Transmittal for Complaint Number E-15-0506 with proof of payment by Thee Electric Company was provided to the Board.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**8. BUREAU REPORT**

Mr. Lambert provided information on the following:

**A.** Senate Bill No. 297

**B.** Executive Order No. 3 of 2017

Board Member Harju requested to see the examinations.

Mr. Lambert informed the Board that they may form a committee to review examinations.

**C.** 2016 PA 407, Skilled Trades Regulation Act

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**10. 2017 MEETING DATES**

The Board is scheduled to meet at 9:30 a.m. at 611 W. Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48933 in Upper Level Conference Room #2 on August 10, 2017 and November 9, 2017.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Hannahs and **SECONDED** by Board Member Harju to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**